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WASHINGTON, June 12, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 7 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 2.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 408 billion ton-miles, 5.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 7 totaled 451,326 cars, 8.5 percent below 1979, but 15.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 13.5 percent in the East, 1.2 percent in the South, and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 121,232, the highest week since October 28, 1966. Twenty of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 31 totaled 27,240 cars, down 14.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 49,088 trailers and/or containers, 10.4 percent lower than last year. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 722,247 cars, 7.5 percent lower than last year, and 1,310,509 trailers and/or containers, down 5.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/7/80.

	Loadings in Week ended June 7, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,261	D	1,622	5.8	I	6,441	32.5
Other farm products	4,844	D	352	6.8	I	796	19.7
Metallic ores	38,093	D	1,795	4.5	I	5,803	18.0
Coal	121,232	I	9,532	8.5	I	18,920	18.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,984	D	3,531	18.1	I	2,438	18.0
Nonmetallic minerals	14,116	D	1,215	7.9	I	121	0.9
Grain mill products	16,712	D	1,278	7.1	I	1,639	10.9
Food and kindred products	17,779	D	298	1.6	I	1,248	7.5
Primary forest products	21,070	I	485	2.4	I	2,413	12.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,880	D	3,388	27.6	I	834	10.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	24,228	D	596	2.7	I	1,193	6.0
Chemicals and allied products	25,169	D	2,660	9.6	I	2,534	11.2
Petroleum products	5,681	D	1,172	17.1	I	698	14.0
Stone, clay and glass products	15,503	D	3,872	20.0	I	2,181	16.4
Coke	4,699	D	3,156	40.2	D	370	7.3
Metals and products	14,696	D	5,284	26.4	I	433	3.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,548	D	9,585	36.7	I	2,537	18.1
Waste and scrap materials	11,478	D	3,860	25.2	I	1,514	15.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,343	D	1,718	14.2	I	1,845	21.7
All other carloads	40,837	D	6,363	13.5	I	6,204	17.9
LCL traffic	173	D	217	55.6	I	20	13.1
Total Cars Loaded	451,326	D	41,945	8.5	I	59,442	15.2
Corresponding week of 1979	493,271						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	10,134,628	10,343,816	D	2.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
22 weeks cumulative	389.9 (Revised)	369.5	I	5.5
Week ended June 7	18.3	18.8	D	2.8
23 weeks cumulative	408.2	388.4	I	5.1

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